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 Tatsuya MATSUMURA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2882
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 Application No.: 10/571,996) Examiner: Mona M. Sanei
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 Filed: March 15, 2006) Allowed: December 24, 2008
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 For: X-RAY TUBE)

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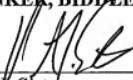
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- C. Specification:
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II. Prosecution Documents

- A. Notice of Appeal
- B. Preliminary Amendment
- C. Claim to Priority & Priority Document(s)
- D. Information Disclosure Statement
 - PTO Form 1449-1 page
 - Copy of Chinese Office Action dated October 24, 2008
 - Copy of two (2) Non-U.S. References



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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a Final Action, a Notice of Allowance, or another action that closes prosecution in the above-referenced application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p).

A Chinese Office Action dated October 24, 2008 that issued in a Chinese Patent Application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration.

Except as discussed below, the cited documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies of any non-U.S. patent documents are also attached hereto.

While the Chinese Office Action dated October 24, 2008 additionally cites to US Patent No. 4,119,855, US Patent No. 4,632,871, US Patent No. 5,161,179 and US Patent No. 5,039,203, these documents are not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because they were previously cited in an Office Action by the Examiner in this application on November 28, 2007.

The relevance of the attached foreign language documents can be understood from the attached English-language abstracts, and/or from the citations of the documents in the attached Chinese Office Action dated October 24, 2008.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO From 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that any of the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art". If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under the United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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